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GUIDELINES: Chrystal Dance Prize – *Projects*

ABOUT

The Chrystal Dance Prize (CDP) – *Projects* supports exceptional dance research and/or creation between a Western Canadian dance artist, artists, collectives or companies and an international dance artist or artists (interpreter or choreographer). Since 2010, Dance Victoria (DV) has awarded more than \$484,000 through CDP – *Projects*.

The prize is open to any dance artist, collective or company that:

- Is currently active in the professional dance milieu;
- Has worked with a range of dance artists and/or companies and has a history of creation;
- Has a home address in western Canada (MB, SK, AB, BC, YT); and
- Is making application as an independent dance artist or as a member of a small collective or established company.

In 2024, Dance Victoria will allocate a total of \$60,500 to the Chrystal Dance Prize – *Projects*. Applications are reviewed by a panel of no less than four dance professionals. (More information about the panel can be found on the following page.)

CDP funds may be disbursed across multiple projects or could be awarded to one project. If requested by applicants, the prize may include a residency at Dance Victoria Studios. In this case, local accommodation, studio rental and technician (if required) would be allocated from the awarded prize funds. The remainder of the prize would be provided to the artist to support artist fees and other costs.

Dance Victoria encourages equity-deserving and underrepresented artists to apply for the Chrystal Dance Prize. We welcome applications from persons of colour, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, persons of all sexual orientations and genders, and others who may contribute to the further diversification and advancement of dance in our community.

Dance Victoria gratefully recognizes that our studios and administrative offices are situated on the traditional lands of the Lekwungen-speaking people, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, whose people have lived and danced on this land since time immemorial.

PLEASE NOTE: Receiving a Chrystal Dance Prize in the past does not disqualify you from being awarded another Chrystal Dance Prize.



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APPLICATION PROCESS

The Chrystal Dance Prize – *Projects* proposal is a two-step process:

STEP ONE

- Please complete an online [Expression of Interest](#);
- Include a link to video sample (max. 3 minutes) within this form; and Forward a letter/email from your international collaborator confirming their commitment to ChrystalDancePrize@dancevictoria.com. Please ensure your collaborator identifies you and your project to prevent any confusion.

Expressions of Interest and commitment letters must be received by 5:00 pm PDT on Friday, October 18, 2024.

STEP TWO

If shortlisted by the panel, applicants will be asked to provide additional information, including a detailed **Project Budget**.

CRITERIA

The CDP panel will consider all applications with the following criteria:

- **Are this project and international collaboration exceptional?** For example, this could be reflected in the skills, experience, and/or diversity of project artists' perspectives; the scale or working models explored in the project; or the innovation within a project's discipline or dance form;
- **Opportunity for growth and development of the primary applicant(s)** as a result of the international collaboration;
- **Artistic excellence** demonstrated through submitted video sample;
- **Potential for local impact** in Victoria; and
- **Overall presentation** of the proposal.

CDP PANEL

The CDP Panel includes DV's Executive Director, one Board member, and a minimum of two external community members. In our small Victoria dance community, it is reasonable that an applicant may be connected to DV as an artist-in-residence, staff member, studio access participant, or similar capacity. The panel will accept and review these applications with equal criteria. In the case of a direct or perceived conflict of interest, the impacted panelist will not discuss or score the application and only non-impacted panel member scores will be considered.

The CDP panel may elect to forego awarding the prize in a given year if projects submitted are not considered exceptional or ready for support. In this case, Chrystal Dance Prize funds would be re-invested for allocation in the subsequent year.



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Notification of results: All applicants will be notified by November 25, 2024.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Community Engagement Manager Larissa Sharma at 250-595-1829 or CrystalDancePrize@dancevictoria.com.

If your proposed project indicates interest in a Residency at DV requiring technical support, a technician may be required and would need to be included in your Project Budget. Please contact Kiera Shaw, Artist Programs & Studio Manager, at kiera@dancevictoria.com for assistance.